

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

## Town of Arlington

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## Board of Health Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 12, 2006 First Floor Conference Room Senior Center 5:30pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos (Chair) and Dr.

Michael Fitzpatrick

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Public Health, Natasha Thorne Health

Inspector, Joseph Carabello, Health Inspector

I. DISCUSSION: Alewife Brook: David Stoff, Resident

David lives at 88 Fairmont Street and is concerned about the conditions on Alewife Brook. He enjoys kayaking on the brook, but along the brook branches have fallen and gather garbage and sewage at different points. He would like something to be done to eliminate this problem and requests that the Board take action against the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Joe Carabello will take pictures of the areas David outlined and will issue orders for a cleanup to take place.

II. DISCUSSION: 2007 Meeting Calendar

Christine Connolly will be sending a schedule of dates and times for 2007 BOH meetings.

III. UPDATE: Flu vaccinations, pneumonia vaccinations

The flu clinics are now complete for 2006. At the clinic last Saturday in Newton, 688 people received pneumonia, flu, flu mist and flu shots for infants 6 mos. and up. Approximately 900 people received flu shots in Arlington and, once again, the appointment system was very successful. Flu shots have become very profitable for pharmacies and doctors offices and there is competition for seniors on Medicare.

IV. UPDATE: MAHB trainings

Carole Allen and Greg Leonardos reported on their training and seemed to find the training very informative.

V. DISCUSSION: 2007 BOH Initiatives

2007 – Creation of Medical Reserve Corps. 2008- continue to exercise Emergency Response Plan and improve on the graduate student intern program.